OLD ENGLAND:

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SUCH is the Capriciousness of human Nature, such the Effects of Chance, or rather such the Care of Providence, that the most unlikely Circumstances, sometimes, conspire in one Point, to produce Effects, which the most Sanguine could not have hop'd for, or the most Skilfull have contriv'd.

Trifles will sometimes affect, where great Objects don't strike; and Insults will often rouze, where Injuries won't provoke. But whatever be the Cause, thanks be to God, the Effect exists with Regard to a certain Electorate, whose petty Interest has, for near thirty Years, been the sole Spring of all our Measures, the sole Object of our Expence, and the sole Cause of, at least, two Thirds of our present National Debt. *Hanover* has at last met with *Milo*'s End,

Wedg'd in the Timber that it strove to rend.

All Eyes are now open'd, Imprudence and Insolence have done the Work of Reason; and the famous *Hanover-Rudder* has broke in the guilty Hands that undertook to steer, by it, the Vessel of *Great Britain:* The foaming Prophet has foretold his own unhappy Fate, and the Moment is now come,

Magno cum optaverit emptum
Intactumq;——————

Let us now trace this Event a little upwards.

When the Apostate Patriots were at length receiv'd into the Land of Promise, which they had so long panted after; where Necessity, not Favour had introduc'd 'em; where they found themselves as unwellcome, as they were soon found unable; detested by their old Friends, distrusted by their new ones, and abhor'd by their Prince; equally lost to Virtue or Reputation, they determin'd to purchase Favour at least, of which, they thought, they knew the Price, and to out-bid the late Minister.

Accordingly, they swore true and due Allegiance to the Electorate, and engaged to sacrifice the most solid Interests of *Great Britain*, to the most trifling Views of that hungry, weak, but restless Corner of the *North*. And, whereas, the late Minister, had only sacrific'd to that Idol, as to an infernal Deity, in all the Silence, Gloom, and Horror of the Night, they generously engag'd, that *English* Hecatombs should publicly bleed at its Shrine, that its Worship should become the establish'd National Worship; and that, the PRINCES, the GOVERNORS, and CAPTAINS, the TREASURERS, the COUNSILLORS, the SHERIFFS, *and all the* RULERS *of the Provinces, should bow their Knee before it, as unto the Golden Image, which* Nebuchadnezzer *the King had set up.*

Hereupon 16,000 *Hanoverians* were forthwith taken into the Pay, for I can't say into the Service of *Great Britain*, without the previous Knowledge or Consent of Parliament. An immense Sum was allow'd for Levy Money, tho' they had been rais'd two Years before, and that singly for the Views of the Electorate. And a large and unheard of Staff, for Mercenaries, was allow'd for Reasons, which Time has since discover'd; namely, that in Case of their Junction with the *British* Troops, a little Management might always secure the Command to the Electoral Officers. But it were endless to enter into all the enormous Particulars of this extravagant Contract; and I chuse to refer my Readers *to the Case of the* Hanover *Troops*, and *the Vindication of it*, publish'd last Year.

When this Affair came to be laid before the Parliament, it was indeed carried, but it is well known with what Difficulty and Unwillingness: Varnish'd over as it was, with the various Pretences of *Danger*, *Necessity*, the Queen of *Hungary*, the *Ballance of Power*, &c. it went heavily, and the old Court Party curs'd both the Situation, and the Men that oblig'd them to support it: They thought their Opposition to it might affect their late Patron, whom they really lov'd, and give those they detested some Advantages, somewhere, which they were not desirous to procure them: And those who thought the worst of the Measure, look'd upon it only as a pecuniary Complement, which would have no further Consequences than the Money it cost. Many other Reasons too occur'd in the then Situation of Affairs, to carry this Matter through; but I believe I may venture to affirm, that, had what has since happen'd been then foreseen, or even thought possible, the Majority would have been much more considerable against it, than it was for it: And every Body now sees, with Pleasure, that all those Prudential and Political Considerations, have given Way to a true Sense of National Honour, and generous *English* Indignation.

As soon as it appear'd the MERCENARIES we paid, were to be the MASTERS we must obey; when their VIEWS were to direct our Motions, and their FEARS to check our Victories; the *British* General, bred up in Camps, where *British* Views, supported by *British* Valour, had been crown'd with deserv'd Success; ever watchful over the Interest, and jealous of the Honour of his Country, soon disdain'd, and quitted the inglorious Post, which he found, he only nominally held; and, regardless of his private Circumstances, sacrific'd the great Profits he might have enjoy'd, to the Character he was determin'd to maintain. How great, how insupportable must have been the Insults, and Provocations, which could reduce this noble Person, in the middle of a Campaign, in a Cause, in which he has ever been eminently zealous, belov'd and confided in by his Army, to withdraw to a private Station, as to the only Post of Honour?

His Example, as it was natural it should, both animated and authoriz'd the same Sentiments, in the Breast of almost every *English* Officer, and Soldier: They shar'd his Wrongs, they felt, they told their own, and our Auxiliary Mercenaries, who had always been the Contempt, became the Objects of the Indignation, and Resentment of the whole *British* Army.

A noble Duke, who's Name does Honour to the Profession of a Soldier, and who's Passion for it had distinguish'd him; has lately distinguish'd himself much more, by following the glorious Example of his General, and quitting that Military Command, where, seeking for Honour, he only found Disgrace; and where, hoping to serve his Country, he perceiv'd he was only to sacrifice its Interests.

It is impossible to doubt the good Effect these great Examples must have, and of the Indignation they must excite, in the Breasts of every *Englishman*, especially of those Representatives of this Nation in Parliament, who by their Votes, last Year, gave occasion to these Proceedings; I easily imagine their Impatience to do themselves and their Country Justice this Session, by putting a distinguish'd Mark of Censure upon the unforeseen Consequences of their Conduct in the last; and effectually preventing the like for the future. And whatever People may say of Complaisance or Corruption, they have their Bounds, like all other human Virtues and Vices; and the Bow, be it of what it will, when too much strain'd, will break: The most Complaisant, the most Corrupt are *Englishmen* still, and will show themselves such, when the Question (as it does now) comes to be a clear one, Whether their Country is to be any longer INDEPENDENT, or to be declar'd TRIBUTARY both of its Treasure and its Blood, to the last and least Electorate of the Empire?

Were it even possible, that the mistaken and precarious Interest of an Employment, could have any Weight, against the more solid and permanent Interest which every Individual has in the Freedom and Independency of his Country, two short Reflections, I should think, would decide that Doubt. *Defendit Numerus* is a known and true Observation. *Defendet Numerus*, would, in this Case, be as true a Prediction. Besides, the Cause is too bad, and too tender, to make MARTYRS in. In the next Place, can the most Interested be SURE that those who were themselves most unwillingly forc'd into those Measures, and who *must* SEEM to promote 'em, will be obliged to them for their Concurrence? And do not Cases sometimes arise, where those who must seem to endeavour, really *wish* not to prevail, and where *Refusal* may be more wellcome than *Compliance?*

Every body knows the guilty Quiver from whence these envenom'd Shafts fly; every body knows the Marksman who aims them at our Vitals; let every body then help to strip them of their Feathers, and so weaken the Hand that throws them; at least hold up a Parliamentary Shield, Proof against their Points.

Attendance, alone, is sufficient for all these Purposes, and, if ever any Crisis requir'd it, This does. The *real Interest* of the King and his Royal Family, as well as the Interest of the Nation, call for Attendance, call for Attention. If a great *Roman* justly appeal'd from *Cæsar* ill-inform'd, to *Cæsar* better inform'd, how much more justly shall a Parliament of *Great Britain* appeal from an Elector of *Hanover ill-inform'd*, to a King of *Great Britain well-inform'd?* nay, how essentially is it their Duty and their Interest to inform him?

Such were the Sentiments of that truly *British* Parliament, which refus'd to King *William* the Continuance of his *Dutch* Blue Guards, which he so earnestly sollicited, and so ardently wish'd. He was, at that Time, justly reckon'd our Deliverer from Popery and Slavery: That Regiment was a Regiment of experienc'd Valour, and in the Service of a Sovereign State, whose Interests were united with ours: Their Number was small, the Expence would consequently have been so too: But it was look'd upon as an Indignity to this Nation, that their Prince should have any Guards but *Englishmen:* It was wisely foreseen too, that the probable Partiality, which would be shown to those Troops, might contribute to alienate the Affections of the *British* Army from his Majesty, damp their Zeal, check their Ardour, in the Cause of their Country. They were therefore refus'd by a consid[erable] Majority, of that Parliament, not of *Jacobites*, but of Persons in *Employments*, well affected to the King, and the most zealous Supporters of the then *recent* Revolution.

The present Case is, in every Particular, much stronger; and can it be suppos'd that the present

Parliament is leſs an *Engliſh* Parliament than that? I cannot, I will not think it; and therefore, without adding any more Arguments, I will only offer theſe few Queries to our Repreſentatives, with Regard to their Conduct, in this important Seſſion, which will, one way or another, make this Parliament immortal, in the Annals of this Country.

Will you vote for 16,000 Mercenaries, at double the Expence that theſe ſame Mercenaries were engag'd at in the late War, and before the Electorate of *Hanover* was united to the Crown of *Great Britain*?

Will you vote for Troops, diſtinguiſh'd in *Europe* by the moſt flagrant Marks of Puſillanimity, on the moſt important Occaſions, and with the moſt fatal Conſequences?

Will you vote for Troops that are to INSULT and COMMAND your own; whoſe DOMESTIC VIEWS are to direct your Operations, and whoſe FEARS are to fruſtrate your Victories?

Will you, in order to carry on a War, vote for Troops, now become abſolutely INCOMPATIBLE with your own, who can never, again, be in the SAME CAMP or Army with the *Britiſh*, without making that Camp the Theatre of CONFUSION and BLOODSHED?

Will you give a Vote that muſt BREAK THE SPIRIT, or EXCITE the FURY of that great National Army you maintain at ſo vaſt an Expence, and make yourſelves the DETESTATION of THAT ARMY?

Laſtly, Will you forfeit the Names of *ENGLISHMEN* for ever? *

The ſecond Letter from GEORGE ENGLISH *ſhall be publiſh'd next Week.*

This Day is publiſh'd,

A

DEFENCE of the PEOPLE:

OR

Full CONFUTATION of the pretended FACTS advanc'd in a late HUGE, ANGRY *Pamphlet*, call'd

FACTION DETECTED.

In a LETTER to the AUTHOR of that WEIGHTY Performance.

——— *Miſerum Fortuna Sinonem*
Finxit, Vanam etiam Mendacemque Improba finxit.

—— Abandon'd Fellows never value the Shame of being detected, provided they think the Lye will be of ſome Service to them for a Day, or even for an Hour.

Anſwer to the Remarks upon the *Craftman*'s Vindication, *Page* 42.

N. B. Whereas there has been an extraordinary Demand for our Two Letters of September the 17th and 24th, they are now to be had, printed together in 8vo. Price Three Pence.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

SWEDEN.

Stockholm, Oct. 18. *O. S.* On Wedneſday the 12th Inſtant, the Prince Royal of Sweden arriv'd at Carlsberg, about two Engliſh Miles from hence, where he reſted himſelf two Nights. On Friday Morning, between Eleven and Twelve, his Royal Highneſs made his publick Entry into this Town: The Proceſſion began at Carlsberg, in the following Order, Firſt, three Troops of the Burghers of Stockholm, on Horſeback; then came M. Lowen, the Deputy Marſhal, who was followed by the Grand Marſhal, Senator Akerheilm, the other Officers of the Court, and the Senators, who went to bring his Royal Highneſs over. Theſe were in their own Coaches: After them came the Prince in one of the King's Coaches, preceded by ſix Pages on Horſeback, and having twelve Lacqueys on Foot round it: A Troop of Horſe-Guards followed, and after them twelve other Coaches of the King's, in which were the Officers and Gentlemen belonging to his Royal Highneſs's Retinue. When his Royal Highneſs came near the Palace, he was ſaluted by the Regiment of Foot Guards, who had lined the Avenues leading to the Court, as the Trabants had done all the Apartments at the Caſtle, to the Chamber of Audience, where the King, being under a Canopy of State, and ſurrounded by moſt of the Senators, received his Royal Highneſs. As ſoon as the Prince came into his Swediſh Majeſty's Preſence, a Signal being made, the Cannons begun to fire from the ſeveral Platforms which had been erected on this Occaſion, and continued to do ſo, by Intervals, as likewiſe Volleys of Small Arms from the Regiment of Foot Guards, 'till Evening, when the whole Town was illuminated, ſeveral Fireworks play'd off, and all other poſſible Demonſtrations of Joy given. Yeſterday his Royal Highneſs the Prince took the Oaths to the King, in the Preſence of the Senate, and the Deputies of the four Orders of the States. On Thurſday laſt General Keith arrived here, and the next Day was preſented to his Swediſh Majeſty. Two Days hence the ſaid General propoſes to go and ſee the Ruſſian Troops under his Command, which are arrived on the Coaſt, diſtributed into their Winter Quarters.

ITALY.

Genoa, Oct. 19. We are more and more alarmed on the Subject of the late Treaty between the Queen of Hungary and the King of Sardinia; which however ſalutary to them, is like to be very deſtructive to us. By this Treaty the King of Sardinia is to enter into immediate Poſſeſſion of the Marquiſate of Final, which we purchaſed from the late Emperor in 1713, for 1,200,000 Pieces of Eight. It is true, that the King of Sardinia is to repay us this Sum of Money before he takes Poſſeſſion of it; but then there is this unlucky Circumſtance, that he inſiſts upon its being put in as good a Condition as when he received it; that is to ſay, the Citadel, and its Fortifications, ſhould be reſtored, which we demoliſhed; the repairing of which will coſt more Money than we are to receive, beſides the dreadful Inconvenience of having ſuch a Fortreſs in our Neighbourhood.

Genoa, Oct. 24. The Captain of an Engliſh Man of War, ſent hither by Admiral Matthews with Diſpatches for the Britiſh Conſul, informs us, that the French have reinforc'd the Garriſon of Antibes with 1500 Men, that it may be able to do ſome Buſineſs in caſe the Troops on board the Fleet ſhould attempt a Deſcent on that Side.

The Maſter of a Genoeſe Veſſel, that arriv'd here the other Day from Marſeilles, reports, that the French are making vaſt Preparations for War all along the Coaſts of Provence.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Oct. 17. Laſt Tueſday the Shoemakers made a very handſome Parade in Honour of their Tutelar Saint, Criſpin, attended by ſeveral Thouſands of the Populace. The King was very richly dreſs'd; he had a fine Crimſon Velvet Suit, trimm'd with Gold, a Train of Crimſon Sattin fac'd with Ermin, and a Collar round his Shoulders, with the Order of their Champion Criſpianus; on his Head was a rich Coronet, adorn'd with Jewels; a Gold Ribband was tied round his Leg, and he had a Battoon in his Hand. He was attended by ſix Uſhers, ſix Pages, and twenty-four others. The Colours came after, and were very fine, having the Reſemblance of St. Criſpin's taking the Meaſure of St. Urſula's Foot. He was preceded by a Set of Muſick, and twelve Officers with white Rods, and walk'd thro' the City with great Pomp. In ſhort, it was one of the gaveſt Proceſſions that has been ſeen. The Muſick Bells play'd as they march'd along the High Street.

Glaſgow, Oct. 24. Our Linnens of this Year's Bleach are eſteem'd, by the beſt Judges, to be ſuperior to thoſe of former Years, and far preferable to thoſe of Foreign Countries. Sir William Dalrymple, who has been the chief, if not the only Support of the Manufacturies of this City, is now here, and has bought up large Quantities of our beſt Goods for ſupplying of his Warehouſes at Charing-Croſs and Cornhill. What a Pity it is that ſo few are to be met with in our Country that have publick Spirit enough to imitate ſo laudable an Example.

They write from Greenock, that upon the 16th Inſtant arrived there the Ferret Snow, Capt James Douglaſs, Commander, for impreſſing Men. She is one of his Majeſty's Cruizers, and as there is a Man of War and a Tender, both, as well as ſhe of great Force, lying in the Mouth of that Frith, they can expect no Trading, ſeeing that no Veſſels, without their Men being preſs'd, can either paſs inwards or outwards.

From Glaſgow, that the Freedom of that City was order'd to be ſent in a Silver Box to the Right Hon. the Lord Banff, as a Teſtimony of their Regard, on Acconnt of the great Service done his Country, by protecting the Trade thereof.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Briſtol, Oct. 29. Among all the uncommon Accidents that Mankind have been amus'd with of late, none ſeems more to deſerve the Attention of the Publick than the following: It is handed to us by a Gentleman of undoubted Veracity and Reputation; and which is this: A Cobler who liv'd in this City, having ſometimes had Words with an old Woman in the Neighbourhood, and would often call her old Witch and old Devil, in order to be reveng'd on him, ſhe ſent to his Houſe a Cat, which the Cobler endeavour'd to thruſt out again; but in ſo doing the Cat catch'd hold of his Finger, and would not let it go till it was ſqueaz'd to Death. After which the poor Man endured violent Pains in his Arm and Shoulder; and tho' he was dipp'd nine Times in the Salt Water, he died in the utmoſt Agony.

LONDON.

We are now informed from Francfort, that the Heſſian Troops in the Pay of Great Britain have paſſed by that City in their Return home, it having been judged proper for them to take up Winter Quarters in their own Country.

According to Letters from Fribourg, Prince Charles of Lorrain has given the Command of the Troops left in the Briſgau to General Berlichini, and order'd General Count Thungen to add ſome new Works to the Hill of Eggersberg, his Royal Highneſs intending to make a good Fortreſs of it.

They write from Ratiſbon, that the Auſtrian Troops brought back from the Upper Rhine amount to 24,000 Men, and take their Route thro' the Circle of Swabia to Bavaria, and the Upper Palatinate, where Winter Quarters are allotted them: The Corps under General Berenclau have alſo ſeperated, and are marching to Paſſau and Straubingen, but moſt of the Irregular Troops return to Hungary.

Count Wratiſlaw, the Auſtrian Miniſter at Dreſden, is lately arrived at Vienna, in order to receive freſh Inſtructions for putting an End to the Differences that ſtill remain unadjuſted between the Houſes of Auſtria and Saxony. Baron Palm, the Queen of Hungary's Miniſter at Ratiſbon, has likewiſe been ſent for to Court, to take new Inſtructions how to behave in the Dyet of the Empire, in regard to the Project, ſaid to be on Foot, for raiſing an Imperial Army, by making the Germanick Body furniſh their Contingents towards it.

We hear from Hanover, that they are going to ſtrike a Medal in Remembrance of the Battle of Dettingen.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint the Right Honourable James Lord Tyrawly to be his Majeſty's Ambaſſador Extraordinary to the Empreſs of Ruſſia.

Wedneſday ſome of his Majeſty's Servants, and a Part of the Baggage arrived in Town from Holland.

The Fame Privateer (formerly the St. Joſeph Prize) commanded by Capt. Cummins, late Commander of the Cæſar Indiaman, lying in Long-Reach, being compleatly fitted up, having on board 350 Men, and mounting 54 Guns, viz. 24 Twelve-Pounders, 24 Eighteen-Pounders, and 6 Twenty-

four Pounders, beside; Swivels, will fail to cruize on the Spaniards, with some other Privateers, the first fair Wind.

On Monday Night last great Damage was done to the Shipping and small Craft in the River Thames, by the Violence of the Wind.

His most Christian Majesty has given Directions to his Ministers residing with the Helvetick Cantons, to propose a new Levy of 16,000 Swiss, upon very advantageous Terms for that Republick.

General Mentzel is so well recovered of his Wound, that, it is thought, he will speedily be able to go to Francfort, in order to spend Part of the Winter there; and it is believed he will be in a Condition to take the Field before the Spring, notwithstanding that some Foreign Gazettes, under French Influence, had actually published an Account of his Death.

The Lion, Nickolson, from Pool for Genoa, is taken by a Spanish Privateer belonging to Bilboa.

Some of the Commanders of the Ships in the Portugal Trade, now loading in the River, having presented a Petition to the Right Hon. the Lords of the Admiralty, praying that the Convoy might wait a short Time; their Lordships returned for Answer, that those Ships which could get into the Downs whilst the Wind continued Easterly, might take the Advantage of the present Convoy; and that another will be appointed in a Month.

On Saturday last the Right Hon. Robert Westley, Esq; the new Lord Mayor, accompanied by Robert Willimott, Esq; the late Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Recorder, and Sheriffs, in their Scarlet Gowns, went in their Coaches to the Water Side, the Sword and Mace being carried before them, and the City Officers attending; and from thence proceeded in the City Barge, attended by the several Companies in their respective Barges, adorn'd with Streamers and Pendants, to Westminster; and having walk'd round the Hall, and solemnly saluted all the Courts, they went to the Exchequer Bar, and the Lord Mayor did there take the Oaths appointed, and having recorded Warrants of Attorney in the proper Courts, return'd by Water to Black-Fryars, and from thence in Coaches, with the usual Solemnity, to Guildhall, where a magnificent Entertainment was provided, at which were present the great Officers of State, divers of the Nobility, Lords of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, the Judges, and other Persons of Quality and Distinction.

By Letters from Jamaica, dated August 27, there is Advice, that his Majesty's Ship the Kent had taken, on a Cruize, a Spanish Vessel laden with Corn and a great Number of Dollars: She was bound to Porto Rico, and is valued at 15,000 l.

By Letters from Port Mahon, dated September 20, there is Advice, that his Majesty's Ship the Nassau had taken two Spanish Privateers of 12 Carriage Guns each, off Barcelona, and carried them into Minorca.

The Britannia, Carr, bound from Lisbon to Newfoundland and Boston, is lost near Newfoundland.

They tell us from Venice, that the Plague has made a Desart of the Town of Santa Maura, there being but a very small Number of the Inhabitants that have escaped it; and that it makes great Havock in the Neighbourhood of Sebenica in Dalmatia.

According to Letters from Vienna, the Marquis de Botta has had several Conferences with the Counts de Strahemberg, Uhlefeldt and Harrah, in which he gave them an Account of his Conduct at the Court of Petersburgh. He acknowledges, that he made Instances for obtaining the Enlargement of the Prince and Princess of Brunswick, but protests that he did not therein exceed the Limits prescribed him by the Queen's Instructions: He also owns, that he fell into Company by Chance, where he found Persons that pretended to have Cause to be discontented; but he strongly insists that he never descended to Particulars with them on that Subject; so far from it, that he afterwards carefully shunn'd them, except when he met them sometimes at Court, where he was very sure that they would not talk to him of any Thing of this Nature. The King of Prussia, to whom the Marquis de Botta has appealed for a Testimony of his Behaviour, has declared, by the Mouth of Count Dehn, his Minister at Vienna, that he never found any thing in his Conduct but what was very commendable, and that he will be very glad to see him again at Berlin, if he clears himself of the Charge laid against him by the Conspirators in Russia.

Letters from Petersburgh say, that the Court has received an Express from the Governor of Derbent, with Advice, that the Grand Signior's Army joined Battle near Bagdat with the Persian Army headed by Shach Nadir in Person, and that the Turks were entirely defeated.

Monday came Advice that the Recovery, Smith, bound from Jamaica to London, was taken the 19th past, by a Spanish Privateer, of 8 Carriage Guns and 100 Men, belonging to St. Sebastian's.

And on the 21st the same Privateer took the Florimella, John Moss, from Carolina for London, near the same Place.

Monday the Lords of the Admiralty appointed Mr. Lewis Norton, First Clerk of Chatham-Yard, in the room of Mr. Mills, deceas'd.

The Northumberland Man of War, lately launch'd at Woolwich, being compleatly victuall'd and man'd, is, by an especial Order from the Lords of the Admiralty, to put to Sea forthwith.

The Sheerness, a twenty-Gun Ship, lately launch'd at Deptford, is order'd to Sea immediately; she is victuall'd for eighteen Months, and order'd on a Cruize on the Coast of Spain.

The Princess of Wales is so far advanc'd in her Pregnancy, that her Delivery is expected every Hour.

Last Saturday his Grace the Archbishop of York arrived in Town from his Palace in that City.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Louisa did not arrive at Hanover till Friday 7-Night last, as we are informed.

Money has been sent to Portsmouth for the Payment of the Men of War order'd for Station'd Ships in the several Colonies and Provinces in America.

Friday 7-Night, as they were searching the Hole of the Prize lately taken by the Squirrel Man of War, for some Diamonds supposed to be hid there, they were disappointed; but instead thereof found Dollars to a great Value.

Tuesday two Barges laden with Bavins ran foul of each other in going through the Draw-Lock at London-Bridge, occasion'd by the Violence of the Wind and a strong Tide, by which Accident one of them sunk, and a Man and a Boy were drown'd.

The same Day a Boat under full Sail was overset near Cuper's-Gardens, by a Squall of Wind, and Mr. Curtis, a Custom-house Officer was drown'd.

His Majesty's Ship the Boyne is appointed to convoy the Store and Mast Ships, with those bound for New-England, and is to sail the first fair Wind for that Province; and afterwards to proceed with such Ships from thence as shall be ready for Jamaica, where the said Man of War will join the Fleet in those Parts.

BANKRUPTS.

John Smithers, late of the Parish of St. Mary-le-bone, Bricklayer and Chapman.

Sarah Adams, of the City of Chichester, Shopkeeper and Chapwoman.

Thomas Dolcing, of Weymouth, Chapman.

George Savage, of Smithfield, Linnen-draper.

James Kennerly, late of Nantwitch, in the County of Chester, Mercer.

The PRICES of CORN at BEAR-KEY, *and of several other Goods, viz.*

Wheat	17s. to 20s. 0d. per Quarter
Rye	12s. to 13s. 6d. per Quarter
Barley	12s. to 13s. 0d. per Quarter
Oats	09s. to 11s. 0d. per Quarter
Peas	16s. to 17s. 0d. per Quarter
Hog Peas	12s. to 13s. 0d. per Quarter
Horse Beans	12s. to 16s. 0d. per Quarter
Pale Malt	19s. to 22s. 0d. per Quarter
Brown Malt	17s. to 19s. 0d. per Quarter
Old Hops	50s. to 56s. per Hundred
New Hops	54s. to 60s. per Hundred
Tares	15s. to 17s. 0d. per Quarter
Finest Flower	19s. 6d.
Second Sort	16s. 6d. } per Sack
Third ditto	13s. 0d. }
Coals in the Pool	26s. to 31s. per Chaldron

High Water this Morning at London Bridge at 10 Min. after 2, and 33 Min. after 2 in the Afternoon.

Sunday Morning at 51 Min. after 2, and 10 Min. after 3 the Afternoon.

Monday Morning at 26 Min. after 3, and 42 Min. after 3 in the Afternoon.

Tuesday Morning at 58 Min. after 3, and 14 Min. after 4 in the Afternoon.

Wednesday Morning at 34 Min. after 4, and 54 Min. after 4 in the Afternoon.

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